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May Days of Interest:
National BBQ Month

May 1st—May Day Play Day

May 2nd—Brothers and Sisters Day

May 5th—Cinco de Mayo

May 10th—Mother's Day

May 15th—Police Officer's Memorial Day

May 25th—Memorial Day

May 26th—Sally Ride Day

Hispanic Outreach Fair

On May 23rd, we will be celebrating the Hispanic community of Sanford at the newly renovated McKibbin Park, 1201 W 25th Street. This free event will include food, drinks, festivities for kids, and music.

The 2nd annual event is being hosted to enhance the relationship between the City of Sanford's Public Safety Department and the latino community.

When: Saturday, May 23

Where: McKibbin Park
1201 W. 25th St
Sanford, FL 32773

Time: 12pm—4pm



National Police Week: May 10th—16th 2015

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which this date falls as Police Week.⁽³⁾ To date, thousands of law enforcement personnel from all over the world converge on Washington DC to participate in various planned events to honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.



The memorial service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park with approximately 120 survivors, and supporters, of law enforcement.⁽³⁾

Now, the event has grown into a week long of events attracting thousands of police survivors, officers, and supporters. It also provides a unique opportunity to meet others who share a common brother/sisterhood.

The events range from a memorial service to a LawRide—comprised of motorcycles riding to the memorial for a wreath-laying ceremony. There is also a Police Unity Tour—a four-day bicycle ride in which thousands of police officers, and supporters, ride from Florham Park, NJ to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington DC to bring awareness of police officers who have died in the line of duty, and to honor their sacrifices. Since 1997, the Police Unity Tour has donated approximately 16 million dollars to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund.⁽³⁾



The National Candlelight Vigil is held in honor of the law enforcement officers who have died that year. The names engraved on the Memorial include fallen officers from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and federal and military police agencies.⁽⁴⁾



What is Sally Ride Day?

Sally Ride Day, always on May 26, honors the first American woman to go into space. Dr. Ride was a mission specialist aboard STS-7, which was the second flight of Space Shuttle Challenger on June 18, 1983. ⁽¹⁾

May 26, 1951 is the birth date of Sally Ride; hence the naming of this specific date.



Mother Goose Day

May 1st recently (1987) became known as Mother Goose Day: a day to appreciate nursery rhymes and stories.

The term “Mother Goose” dates all the way back into the 1650’s (yes, before ALL our time) and referred to such stories as *Cinderella*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, and *Sleeping Beauty*. There is no representation to a particular person, as many “Mother Goose” stories were written both before and after the term was used. ⁽¹⁾

So, enjoy the day by reading Mother Goose stories and rhymes to your children or grandchildren.

Protecting Against Credit Card Fraud at the Fuel Pump

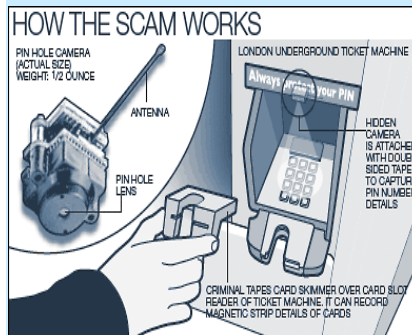
Many of us are concerned about credit card fraud when shopping online or at the bank ATM. In recent years, criminals have become brazen in their attempts to steal your information, and credit card skimmers at gas station fuel pumps have become more prevalent. Here are a few signs to be cognizant of when “paying at the pump.”

Criminals usually infiltrate credit card mechanisms through the front panel of gas pumps. They implant devices internally, which then capture the credit card information from within once customers swipe their cards.

What to look for: Survey the gas pump’s edges — especially the hatch surrounding the credit card unit. If it looks battered as if someone tried to pry it open or if the lock itself is broken, it might be compromised. Some gas stations, like Shell stations, apply a tamper-proof seal across the opening of the credit card door. When a door is broken into, the sticker is lifted revealing the words “VOID” on the sticker. ⁽³⁾

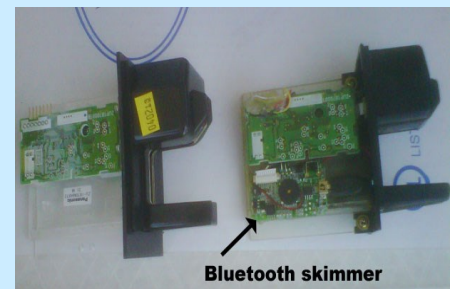


Gas station credit card skimmers are external devices thieves attach over a real credit card slot at a gas station pump. As customers swipe their cards into the skimmer, the device saves and stores card information immediately. ⁽³⁾



What to do: Skimming devices are meant to be placed temporarily for a matter of hours or just a day. For that reason, they are attached using only double-sided tape, so thieves can easily remove them. Before sliding a credit card through the machine, tug on the reader to ensure it is on securely; skimmers will easily pop off with mild effort. ⁽³⁾

If you find a skimming device, contact the local authorities to report the gas station scams in the area. This will get an investigation started if enough reports of gas station credit card fraud are forwarded.



When in doubt, use cash! While credit cards lend convenience, if a situation doesn’t feel right, go with your instincts and just use cash. It saves the hassle of disputing a credit card charge in the future and eliminates putting yourself at risk of long-term credit damage.

(1) Holiday Insights. “May, 2015 Bizarre and Unique Holidays.” 13 April 2015. (<http://holidayinsights.com>).

(2) National Police Week 2015. “About National Police Week.” 14 April 2015. (<http://policeweek.org>)

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